



Rumble over the rubble

Post-Katrina 'sight-seers' are taking home souvenirs they shouldn't. Page 2

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Mobile health clinic at HMC

A mobile health clinic on loan from Rotary Club of Modesto, CA is located at 100 Hancock Square near the Emergency Room of Hancock Medical Center. The unit is to serve uninsured and low-income Hancock County residents. Patients will be billed on their ability to pay, but no one will be turned away.

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Manhunt on for murder suspect

Spires allegedly stabbed, dumped Kiln man

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials all along the Gulf Coast are looking for a suspect that is believed to have been involved in the murder of a Kiln man last week.

Joel Scott Spires, 5'08 220lbs, date of birth 08-15-1963 is considered

armed and dangerous, and anyone who knows Spires' whereabouts is asked to call the Hancock or Harrison County Sheriff's department.

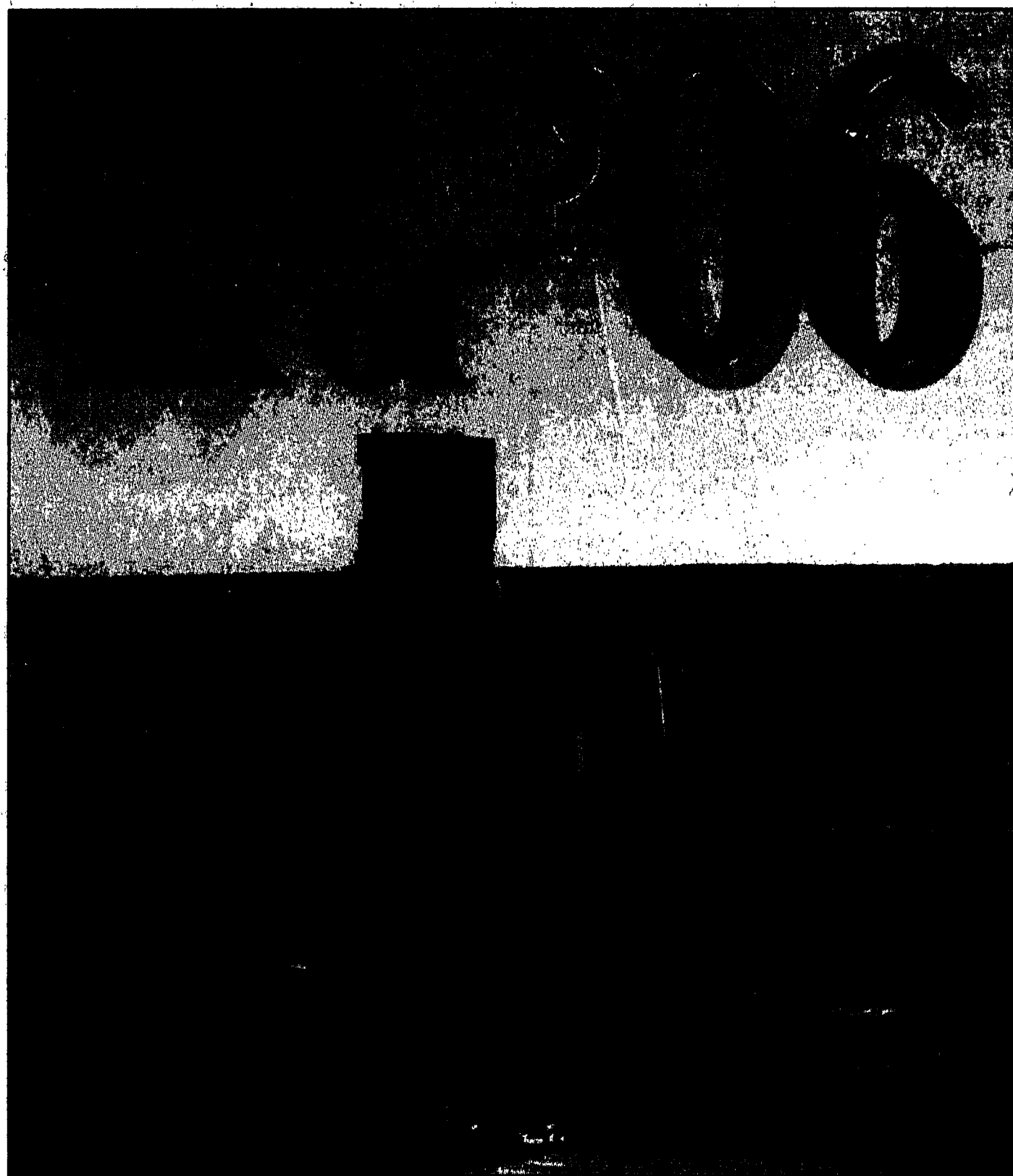
Last Tuesday, Rodney W. Saucier of Kiln, was found stabbed to death in

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'Armed with a knife'

Authorities are searching for Joel Scott Spires, a construction worker "hanging in the Diamondhead area," who allegedly stabbed Rodney Saucier to death last week.



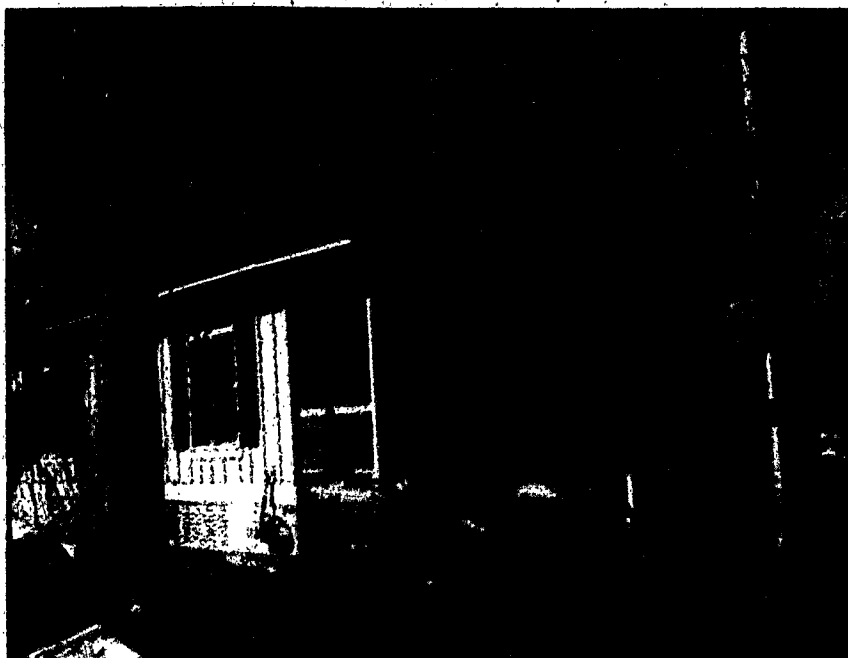
The Bay St. Louis bridge was all but destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, but rebuilding it is one of the region's top priorities for 2006.

Major issues facing Hancock County in 2006

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

As Hancock County rings in the new year, many residents hope that it will bring better times to this storm ravaged area. 2006 will be a year like no other in Hancock County. Decisions made on key issues will shape the future of Hancock County.

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This Creole-style cottage on Ballentine Street is the first house built back in Bay St. Louis after the storm, and is being used as a model for other construction in the area.

Supers want locals for cleanup

Pullman urges AshBritt to use Hancock haulers

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors held its first meeting of 2006 Tuesday, and wasted little time in reelecting District Two Supervisor Rocky Pullman as board president.

A humble Pullman said to the board, "I appreciate you all asking me again, but if anyone else wants to be president this year then feel free to take it."

Supervisor Lisa Coward praised Pullman's work by saying, "You do a great job, and it's an honor to have you as president."

The board also voted Coward as vice-president, Tim Kellar as county administrator, and Ronnie Artigues as board attorney.

Pullman explained to the board that he hopes to outline a set of goals soon to guide the county through what will be a difficult year.

"We need to have a workshop this week or next," Pullman said. "We need to set our goals as a group. We can see what we need to shoot for towards the end of the year."

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A sign in Waveland, Miss., politely addresses the recent problems with sightseer theft.

Photo by Daniel Comiskey

Sightseers taking home more than memories from Waveland

BY DANIEL S. COMISKEY

When the eye of Hurricane Katrina hit the little town of Waveland in August, the ocean swallowed most of the residents' homes and possessions. Lately, sightseers have been snatching the rest.

Because Waveland remains one of the few towns along the Gulf coast with open access to its beach neighborhoods, thousands of tourists have flocked to see the damage. Wandering around collapsed homes and foothills of debris, sightseers are claiming souvenirs from the wreckage of other people's lives.

"They say they're souvenir hunters," said Jeff Watts, a resident of Waveland who is living in a trailer on his land. "That's the same thing as looting in my book."

Although much of Waveland looks like a landfill, with blocks and blocks of it uninhabited, valuable objects remain.

"When we came back, we found my engagement ring and Cartier watch," said Kem Meyer, a Waveland resident who is staying in a tent amidst the ruins of her home.

Musical instruments, antique furniture, tools and jewelry are strewn under piles of lumber and piping that themselves have become objects of looting.

"You have a lot of copper plumbing thefts because the metal is valuable," said Brian Anderson, a Virginia police officer helping patrol the Waveland

beaches. "People are even looting the wood because it's from historic homes."

Anderson sees no distinction between the theft of construction materials and the more casual pilfering of "a Waveland souvenir." But he does admit that establishing who is a resident has been extremely difficult.

"A few arrests have been made," he said. "But the biggest challenge is, how do you know who lives here?"

Even longtime residents are having that problem.

"There are too many tourists to tell who's who," Watts said. "It's like Disneyland."

In an effort to curb the disappearance of valuables, those that have already returned to their land have put up signs directed at the sightseers. Some are polite requests to be respectful of the property. Some are not.

"If you loot, we will shoot," read one particle-board sign along the beach. "Stay out or be shot," read another.

Some Waveland residents seem prepared to back it up. Shotguns lean against tents in broad daylight. For those who always thought of the town as a genteel place, the sight is discouraging.

"We have a gun, but I don't anticipate using it," Meyer said. "I guess some people are more paranoid than others."

Many residents feel that if the place wasn't so deserted, sightseer theft wouldn't be a problem at all. Only about one family per block has returned

to the coast.

"Because no one is staying here, people are just helping themselves," said Charles Taylor, a Waveland resident whose home wasn't completely destroyed.

Watts recalls coming back to see his neighbor's home reduced to rubble - only a stone fountain remained.

"Then somebody came by the other night and stole the thing," he said, disgusted. "It was the only thing the old guy had left."

Although looting is a felony, with those arrested being forced to post a \$25,000 bond, residents are questioning whether keeping sightseers away from the Waveland coast in the first place might be a better solution. Gulfport, Long Beach, Diamondhead, and other neighboring towns have all closed their beaches. With two policemen or army reserve soldiers brandishing machine guns at every access point, those towns have treated the threat of sightseer theft more seriously.

"They're charging people in Diamondhead for even touching anything they can't prove is theirs," Taylor said.

The Waveland Police Department refused to comment on the looting or the decision to keep the coast open to tourists. While sightseers continued to pick through piles of debris for a keepsake that will recall the great hurricane of 2005, Meyer just shrugged her shoulders at the sight.

"The main things are

your sanity and your health," she said. "As long as you don't lose those two things, you're OK."

Daniel S. Comiskey is a graduate student in journalism from Bloomington, Ind.

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DCE bouncing back

The winter session of the Diamondhead Continuing Education program, bouncing back from the ravages of Katrina, will begin January 15 with a variety of courses ranging from art and computers to

comparative religions. The six-week session will run through February 24.

For the winter session, DCE Administrator Hilda Bourg has shaped a curriculum that will also include mah-jongg,

Yoga, Pilates, Bridge, greeting cards, invitations, Cajun dancing, tile painting, pocket billiards, mosaic design, and calligraphy.

For information and registration, call Hilda at 255-1299.

Keeping Records

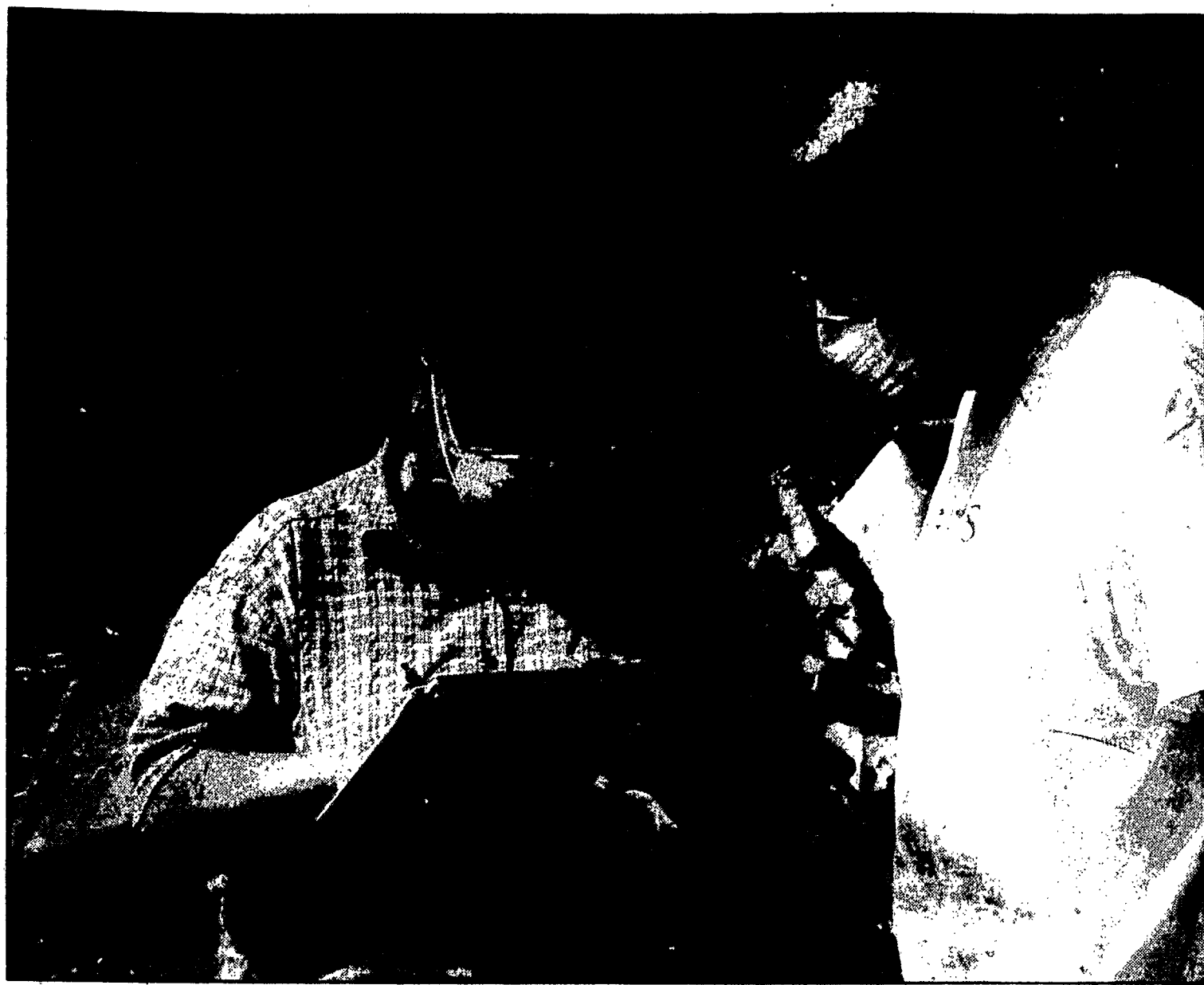


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Special Projects Officer Forrest Galey (left) and Director H.T. Holmes of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History recover records from Bay St. Louis.

Archivists go to great lengths to rescue damaged documents

BY SUZANNAH EVANS

Archivists used to go by a rule when it came to wet and moldy documents: get them out of the water within 48 hours, or the damage is irreversible.

That was before Hurricane Katrina.

In the aftermath of the storm, it was days to weeks before local, state and federal archivists and volunteers could rescue books, newspaper archives, photographs, genealogies and local historical records from inundated libraries and historical societies in Mississippi and New Orleans.

These records are vital not just because some have historical significance. The Governor's Commission, a statewide planning effort to rebuild the Mississippi coast, needs city planning documents and photographs to reconstruct devastated towns.

Part of the confusion stemmed from the fact that FEMA didn't have authority over records and archives, said H.T. Holmes, director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, which is headquartered in Jackson.

"It slowed us down a lot," Holmes said. "It was unclear early on if FEMA would reimburse [the cost of recovery]."

Just the recovery and restoration of the city records of Pascagoula, Miss., a city of 25,000 along the coast, could cost between \$4 million and \$5 million, Holmes said.

Allen Weinstein, the archivist of the United States, recently visited Louisiana and Mississippi to see the ruin firsthand. He had previously freed \$25,000 in discretionary funds each for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama state archives departments. His next goal is to get records and archives included in FEMA's disaster plan so next time there isn't such a delay in getting to records.

Preston Huff, assistant regional administrator for the National Archives' southwest region, was with Weinstein as they viewed the damage. Even then, volunteers and archivists were just beginning to pull damp, mildewed papers out of the city hall of Pass Christian, Miss., a town nearly wiped away by Katrina.

"It is a huge wakeup

call. I don't think anyone could have been prepared for anything the size of Katrina," Huff said. "I've been doing this for more than 30 years. I've seen a lot of local damage ... but nothing quite like this."

From New Orleans to Pascagoula, tons of soaked documents have been pulled out of libraries, courthouses and city halls, but few of them have been identified at this point. Instead, they sit in freezers across the country waiting to be vacuum-dried and, hopefully, restored.

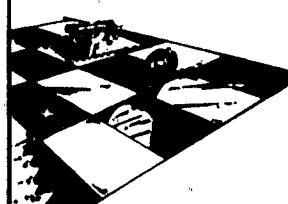
The good news is that local and federal archivists, as well as volunteer groups across the country, have begun communicating where they never did before, Huff said.

"We've developed such partnerships out of this," he said. "I think we'll come out a little better prepared."

The other good news? The old 48-hour rule, the one that said wet papers can't be saved after two days in the muck, has been declared dead. While the task of restoring much of documents now in storage lies ahead, more can be salvaged than anyone hoped.

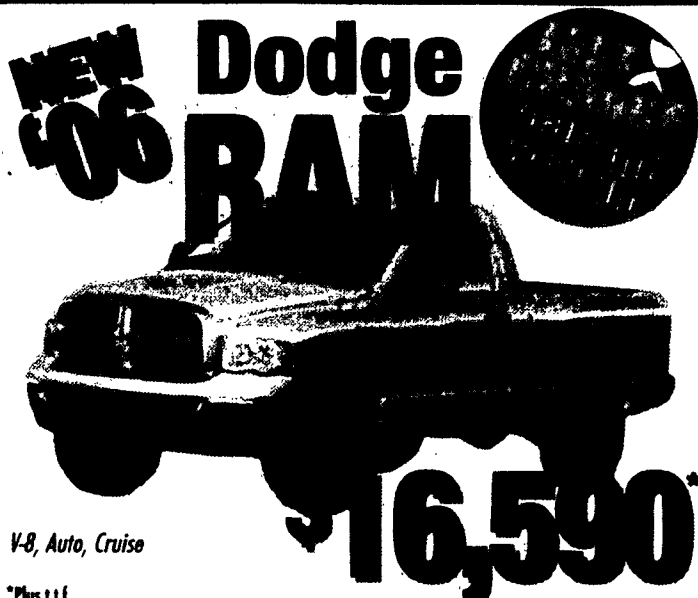
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about this important working capital loan program one-on-one. Loan applications will be accepted on site.

Seating is limited, so pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot today, call the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048, or fax or email your name and address information to 228-467-6033 or kay@hancockchamber.org respectively.

Opinion

Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Forget about 2005 – it's just history

I wonder how many folks have a problems remembering to write the correct year on checks.

To me, it seems 2005 just rolled by. Possibly, Katrina may have helped some.

Of course, everyone is hoping that 2006 will be better than 2005.

This was the first New Year I heard so many say "Happy New Year! I hope it will be better than last year."

Anyway, remember we are now in a new year and what happened last year is history.

Looking for work should not be a problem for anyone, right now. I can't recall ever seeing so many companies seeking new employees.

There are jobs being offered in a wide range of trades, and many employers are even offering training. So if you're unemployed, check with the folks at the Mississippi Employment Center. They could have just the job you are seek-

ing on file from an employer.

I am constantly hearing and reading about the positive attitudes of our local folks from people who have come to our area.

Not only the positive attitudes, but also the friendly way us locals are.

I feel we as a community need to be proud of hearing good things said about us.

The attitude of our residents is not something that just happened overnight.

We have had these great attitudes as long as I can remember.

Bay St. Louis has a theme of "A Place Apart," while Waveland's nickname is "Hospitality City." But our entire county, including Bay St. Louis and Waveland can boast both themes.

Since Katrina, thousands have visited our community, and I feel many will want to come back again to receive our special hospitality following our complete recovery from the storm.

Civil rights pioneer dies

Cliff Sessions, possibly the most ingenious and courageous reporter I knew during Mississippi's violent civil rights era of the 1950s and 1960s, passed away on Christmas Eve in a Biloxi hospital. He was 74.

As a young staffer and then later as bureau chief for United Press International in Jackson when many of the state's most notable racial events erupted, Sessions left a unique imprint on Mississippi's civil rights history, often to the envy of us older scribes of that time.

With a keen eye and a rare sensitivity to the still embryonic civil rights movement, Cliff produced insightful news accounts ranging from his remarkable coverage after the 1959 lynching of a black ex-soldier at Poplarville, to the 1963 assassination of civil rights pioneer Medgar Evers in the driveway of

his Jackson home. Sent to the Washington UPI bureau in the late 1960s, and assigned to cover the Justice Department, Cliff was persuaded by then (and still) controversial Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark to leave UPI and become his press spokesman during the Lyndon Johnson administration.

Afterwards, Cliff co-founded and became the first editor of what is now Washington's respected National Journal. Later, he took off his reporter's hat to make some REAL money working in top jobs in the business world. Parkinson's disease forced him to retire in 1990 as corporate

director of publications for General Foods of White Plains, NY.

A native of Bolton, and son of an Episcopal minister, Sessions returned with his family to retire in his home state, settling in Biloxi. However, the long, painful grip of Parkinson's eventually proved fatal.

Mack Charles Parker, a 23-year-old recently discharged black soldier awaiting trial for rape of a white woman, was yanked from Pearl River County by a lynch mob of masked white men in April, 1959 and presumably killed. Sessions not only went to Poplarville to cover the story, he camped out for weeks in

a tiny local motel to bird-dog the small army of FBI agents who combed the area to find Parker's body and identify the lynchers.

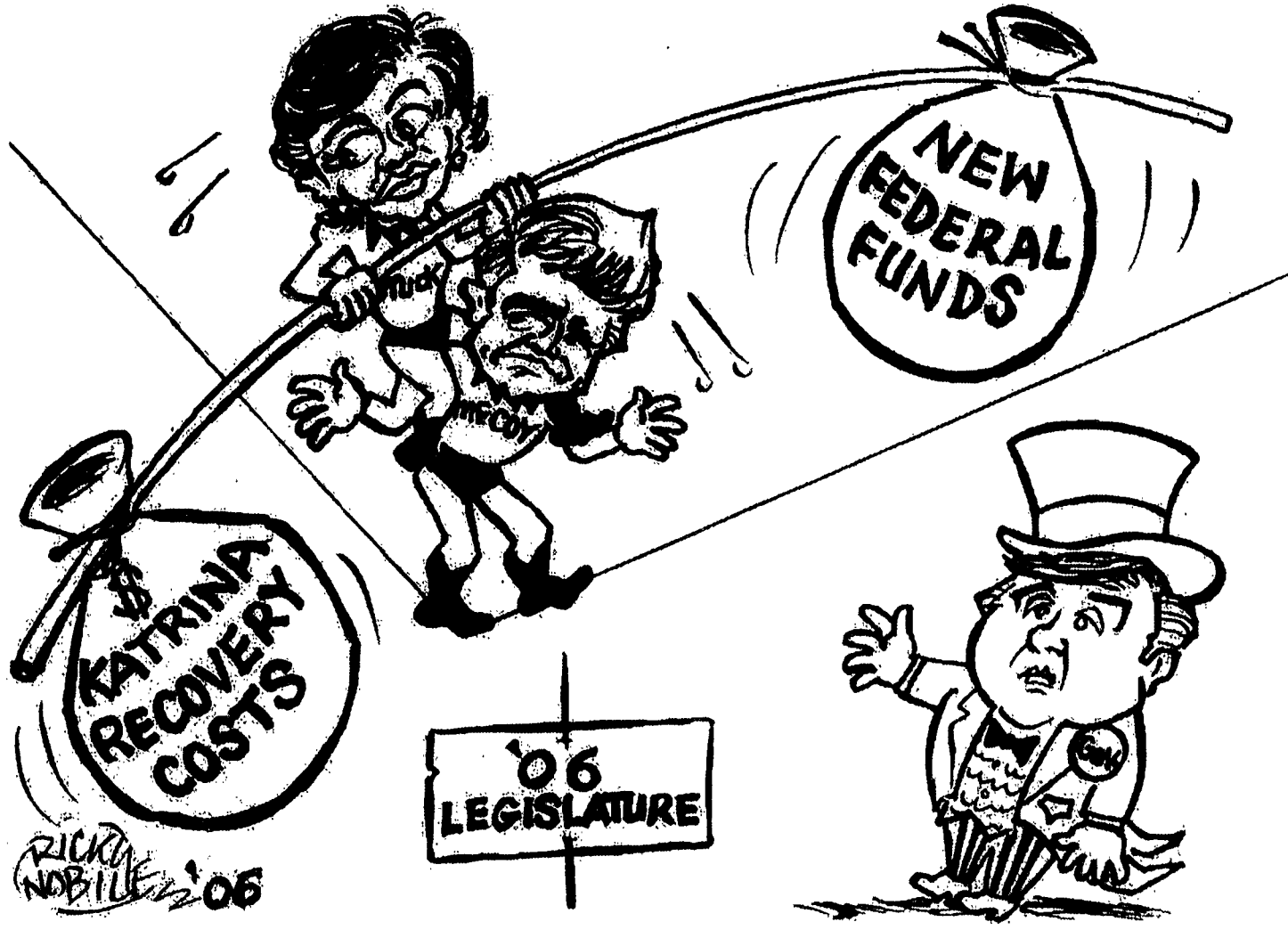
Because Cliff often beat the feds to finding clues and witnesses, he incurred the ire of legendary FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, who tried to get UPI editors in Washington to fire its "kid down there in Mississippi." When Parker's body popped up in swollen Pearl River several weeks later, to the chagrin of FBI agents, Cliff was on the river bank.

As history of that era sadly records, after the FBI identified all the lynching participants, and turned over its findings to the state, the Pearl River County district attorney didn't ever seek indictments.

A U.S. grand jury was convened at Biloxi in 1960 to consider federal

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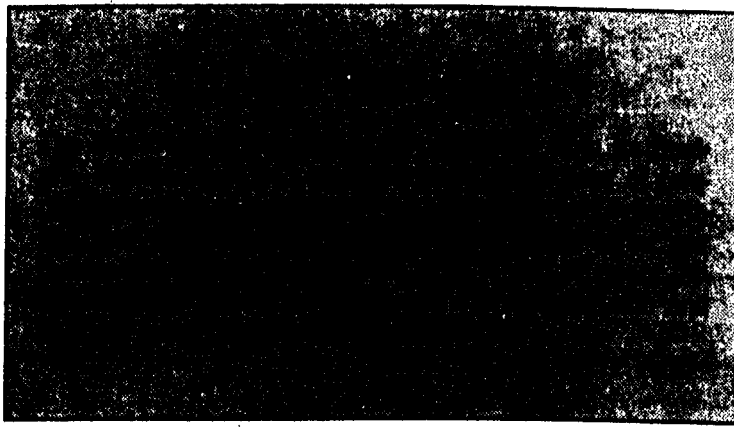
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were vital and key to the success of this project. Katrina's strong winds and wall of water have tested your spirits, but through it all, you have maintained your humor,

kindness and goodwill. Your very presence in such large numbers on that cold day to build the playground are a testament to your commitment to Bay St. Louis

and to each other.

A special thank you to Mayor Eddie Farve and to my friend, Jimmy Loicano. Your kindness in remembering my mother by naming the park for her is simply overwhelming to me and my family. Her kind spirit will live on in the laughter of the children as they play in their beautiful new park.

Sincerely,
Ginny Vegas
Reynolds

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civil right conspiracy charges (similar to those later used in the Neshoba case), but jurors failed to return any indictments after District Judge Sydney Mize ruled all or none of the suspects must be indicted.

When the jury had gone, the enterprising Sessions later dug out jurors' discarded vote slips from a waste basket and discovered they had come within one vote of reaching an indictment. His news story stunned the celebrating defense attorneys. However, the case was never revived.

Cliff had gained the trust and friendship of NAACP leader Medgar Evers at a time he was being kept under close scrutiny by the S o v e r e i g n t y

Commission, the state's segregation watchdog agency. While I too was regarded by Medgar as his friend, Cliff in 1962 did something I regret I didn't have the courage to do: He and his wife Shirley invited the Evers' over to their apartment to have dinner.

If word of Cliff's gutsy break with racial mores of those times had gotten around to radio and TV stations and newspapers that took the UPI wire service, there would have been a flood of cancellations, even though UPI's news reports then, under an excellent team headed by John Herbers, were superior to the dominant Associated Press.

Medgar had told his wife Myrlie, that if he

were ever shot, to first call Cliff, even before the police. So when an assassin's bullet felled Evers as he returned home from an NAACP mass meeting late on a June night in 1963, Cliff was called first by Mrs. Evers.

Shirley Sessions recalls that after Cliff got Myrlie's call, he rushed out of the house and spent the next 30 hours working on the assassination story.

When you think of Cliff you immediately remember his uncanny low-key, wry sense of humor. A conversation with him would suddenly go quiet while you kept talking. Then when he next spoke, out would come some profound or very funny remark.

Once when some

occasion brought the Minors to Washington, and knowing that I was a great admirer of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Cliff put on a "Happy Days are Here Again" party for me.

He had gone to the Library of Congress and recorded a collection of short takes from FDR's notable speeches, splicing them together with campaign songs from the New Deal era.

Hurricane Katrina had forced Shirley to evacuate Cliff and her 99-year-old mother who lives with them. Fortunately, their home turned out to have only minor damage and they were able to return a few days later.

Cliff, however, wouldn't live much longer after the storm.

SBA hurricane loans exceed \$2 billion in historic disaster recovery operation

THE ECHO

In less than 30 days, the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved another \$1 billion in long-term disaster loans to the victims of the three hurricanes this fall. In total, the SBA has now approved more than \$2 billion in disaster relief funds to assist those affected by the devastating hurricanes that struck the Gulf Coast and Florida. The SBA is currently averaging more than \$36 million in loan approvals a day in December to the small businesses and homeowners who need assistance.

Loan approvals reached the \$2 billion mark Friday.

"This massive effort is showing month-by-month, week-by-week and day-by-day the kinds of historic results we've expected all along in

bringing long-term relief to affected homeowners and small businesses," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "Despite the substantial hurdles caused by the damage and dislocation of these storms, the SBA and its workforce continue to approve disaster loans at a record pace."

"While maintaining our responsibility to taxpayers not to approve loans that cannot be repaid, we have still approved over \$1 billion in less than 30 days and \$2 billion in four months, which is a faster disaster response than the SBA has ever given to any disaster in our 52-year history," Barreto said.

"I can tell you that this is the SBA's top priority for the people in the Gulf Coast and Florida areas, and we are working tirelessly, with the greatest dedication and compas-

sion to help those affected by this terrible disaster," Barreto said.

Barreto noted that only one other disaster in the agency's history has exceeded the \$2 billion mark - the Northridge Earthquake of 1994, at \$4 billion in approved loans. The Florida hurricanes of 2004 topped out at \$1.86 billion.

"To respond to this unprecedented catastrophe, the SBA disaster staff has grown five times larger than it was before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on

August 29, and we have performed more than 146,000 site inspections in just three months, what is normally a full year's worth of inspections," Barreto said. "Even though the SBA is approving loans faster than it ever has in our 52-year history, we will continue to do everything we can to move even faster."

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Assistance loan programs, visit the SBA Web site at http://www.sba.gov/disaster_recov/hurricanes/.

Gulf Coast Community Foundation directors

THE ECHO

The Gulf Coast Community Foundation Board of Directors proudly announces the new officers and directors for 2005-2006. These community leaders recognize the importance of philanthropy and have agreed to serve this organization and the community. Officers include Dave Treutel, President; John Walton, Vice President Elect; Duncan Mc Kenzie, Vice President; Dave Geiger, Treasurer; and Dorothy Roberts Mc Ewen, Treasurer. Jane Dennis is Past President. New directors include Greg Descher, Ann Guice, Reginald Sykes, Margaret Taylor, and Stan Tiner.

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individuals, families, corporations, private foundations, agencies and other organizations. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the needs have exponentially increased on the Gulf Coast. At the same time, these needs are far more rudimentary and basic. You can make a donation by calling the Gulf Coast Community Foundation at (228) 575-8380 or sending a check to GCCF, P. O. Box 2984, Gulfport, MS 39505.

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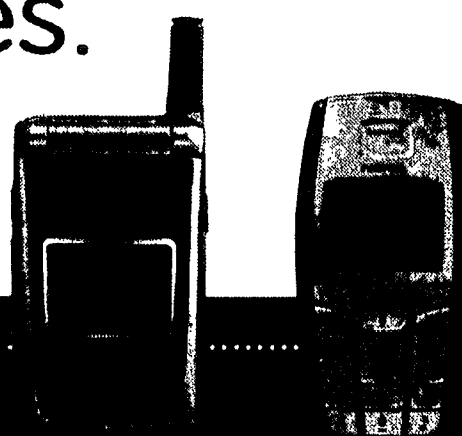
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Issues -- recovery and rebuilding

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for years to come. As we look forward, here are some of the top issues that community leaders will be faced with in 2006.

Issue #6. The 2006 Waveland elections.

Although it is still months away, many questions must be answered. Will the city be able to hold the elections, and will the city be able to afford them?

"We'll hold elections in huts if we have to," said Mayor Tommy Longo. "I don't see too many problems. We lost some machines, but the state and county should be able to help us out with that. I hope that we can get more people back, so that we can get more community input."

Issue # 5. School board deadlock.

Will the Hancock County School Board be able to resolve its deadlock on the empty District Five seat? The seat has been vacant for nearly a year, and most important votes that have faced the school board have ended in a 2-2 tie. The board is also faced with the task of what to

do about Charles B. Murphy School in Pearlinton. The school is scheduled to be demolished, and questions have arisen about the future of the school.

Issue #4. The Hancock County Jail.

With the old Hancock County Jail suffering major damage from Katrina, many local leaders are floating the idea of a new jail being built in the Kiln area. The old jail was built in 1986, and at the time there was heavy opposition to moving the jail out of Bay St. Louis. The rebuilding of the old jail or the construction of a new one will hinge on many factors, with money being at the top of the list. Sheriff Steve Garber hopes to get federal assistance to build a new jail. The Board of Supervisors had not discussed the jail matter as of Jan 1, but Garber plans to bring it to the supervisors' attention in the near future.

Issue #3. The annexation of the Hwy. 603 corridor.

This issue has been around for the past two years, and with Bay St.

Louis recently being awarded the area, many are wondering how the city will be able to handle recovery efforts, as well as expansion.

How will the people of the Shoreline and Garden Isle areas conform to the city building codes?

The city of Waveland is mulling over the option of appealing the decision, and many shoreline residents are opposed to the city taking over. The final answer on expansion way still be a ways away.

Issue #2. Potential budget shortfalls for the next business year.

With Katrina dealing a crushing blow to the county and cities tax bases, tough times could be in store for local governments.

Hancock County is estimating as much as a four million dollar shortfall this year, and Bay St. Louis and Waveland may be in the red as well. The hope of community leaders is that the federal government will assist in the budget shortfalls, but that question is still unanswered.

Issue #1. Recovery

and Rebuilding.

Temporary housing delivery is nearly complete and debris removal is ongoing, thus the next stage of the recovery is now underway, and that is rebuilding. Questions about elevation and building codes dominate the rebuilding arena, and many residents are going to be deciding weather to come back home or move on. The construction is set to begin on the Bay St. Louis bridge, and the Hwy. 90 lighting project. Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre expects the construction on the bridge to begin this month, and Favre hopes that at least two lanes will be open by the end of the year. A temporary road from Ballentine St. to Citizen St. is to be constructed as well.

"We have several ideas from the Governor's Commission on Rebuilding and Recovery, and I think that we have the right mix to rebuild and keep our identity as well," Favre said.

Supers -- local haulers

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together."

The board was greeted by a representative from Costal Family Health Center. The Center is reopening in a trailer outside of Hancock Medical Center, but the center wanted to ask the county if the county could assist in finding a temporary home for the rest of their operation. The Center said that it needed an area about 10,000 square feet.

The board passed a resolution to ask FEMA to fund and assist the Center in its relocation.

"This is a service that we really need in this time of transition,"

Cowand said.

The board also addressed concerns that local contractors are not being used in the cleanup and recovery effort. The Army Corps of Engineers said that of the 7,700 Right of Entries only 238 have been completed, about three percent.

"I saw some guys from Harrison county cleaning up next door to my place, and here I am, and I am not working," said one contractor.

"It has been our intention that as many local contractors as possible be involved in the cleanup process. I'd like to see it

Hancock County first and Mississippi second, then outsiders." Said Supervisor Steve Seymour.

Pullman said that the company that is in charge of the cleanup, AshBritt, recently suggested that in order to speed up the cleanup process then more advanced equipment and crews may be brought in. Pullman said that letting go of local contractors was not an option.

"I told AshBritt, and I am very vocal about these things, that if they let all of the local contractors go then they can pack their bags and get

out too. I understand that some may not be following rules and procedures, and if that is the case then shame on them, but they can step things up without letting go of the locals." Pullman said.

Pullman also expressed concern that cleanup work is causing damage to county roads.

"The damage in some places is quite extensive," Pullman said. "The contractors are taking chunks out of roads with the Bobcat machines, and others work. We need to see how we can get this fixed, because the county has limited resources."

Don't miss out on disaster assistance

As the March 11 deadline to apply for Individual Assistance through the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nears, Mississippi residents need to receive pertinent and factual information to get help and be aware of the various assistance programs that are available.

"Remember, federal and state assistance is different from that of the voluntary agencies. Even if you have received help from those agencies, you also need to apply for federal and state assistance," said Robert Latham, Director of Mississippi Emergency Management.

"When you have suffered a loss, the last thing you need is misinformation," said Nick Russo, federal coordinating officer for the Mississippi disaster recovery effort.

Some facts about disaster assistance:

- Registration with the American Red Cross or other non-profit agency

is not the same as applying with FEMA. For federal and state disaster assistance, you must apply by calling the toll-free application number 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for speech- or hearing-impaired or online at www.fema.gov.

- Insurance is your main source for financial assistance to recover after a disaster. Federal and state disaster programs may be able to help with losses not covered by insurance policies. Households could qualify for reimbursement of expenses not covered by your insurance.

- You do not have to wait for an agent's or adjuster's inspection before applying for aid or making repairs.

needed to make your house safe, sanitary and functional. However, if you have insurance, you should find

out what your policy covers, and be sure to keep papers and receipts for any purchases or repairs. If you still have

unmet disaster-related needs, you should call FEMA to apply.

- You do not need to have a low income to qualify for assistance. Federal and state disaster assistance programs may be available to those who suffered damage regardless of income. The type of assistance provided depends on the applicant's circumstances and, unmet needs.

- You do not have to be a small business to apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan. Renters and homeowners may be eligible for low-interest loans for home or personal property losses, based on the type and extent of "uninsured" or "underinsured" disaster-related losses.

-The SBA Disaster Assistance Program, which handles low-interest disaster loans, has its own criteria for determining each applicant's eligibility. The SBA will process your loan application to a decision. If they are unable to approve your loan application, you may be eligi-

ble for Other Needs Assistance through FEMA, but generally it is necessary to go through the SBA application process first.

-A renter may qualify for an SBA low-interest disaster loan to replace personal property. One type of grant may cover temporary housing needs if a renter has to move to another dwelling. Another type of grant may be available to eligible individuals or families with serious disaster-related needs and expenses that are not covered by insurance or other disaster assistance programs.

Federal and state disaster recovery officials urge those who have not done so to apply as soon as possible by calling the toll-free application number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for speech- or hearing-impaired; or view the website at www.fema.gov. The deadline for applications for Individual Assistance is March 11, 2006.

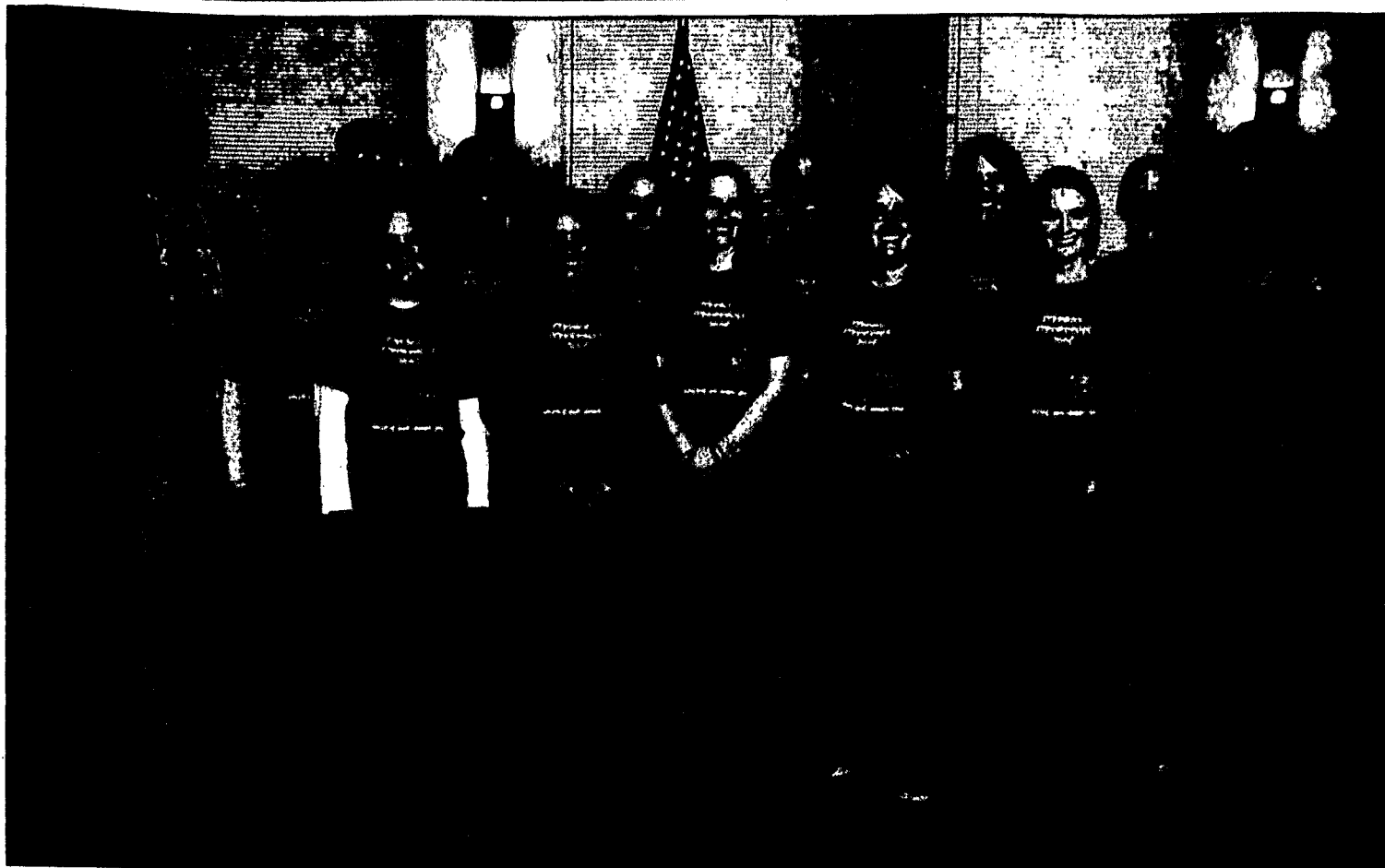
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Left to right, starting in the back: Kevin Brunner, Kim Cox, Corey Wirth, Kera Zblehorski, Josh Tepps, Melissa Sampson, Abby Fotzler, Sgt. Mike Ciardo. Front: Kim Adams, Anna Muller, Dawn Alba, Melanie Floyd, Jess Helms, Laura Lemerond.

Wisconsin town adopts Bay

THE ECHO
With a link to Bay St. Louis, a contingent of college students from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and local officials will spend the next two weeks in the area helping with Hurricane Katrina relief projects.

Bay St. Louis was adopted as a sister city by Whitewater in November because it was of comparable size and character to Whitewater and was the home of Whitewater native son, noted author and historian Dr. Stephen Ambrose.

Ambrose, who died in 2002, made his home in Bay St. Louis.

The medical center at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is named after Ambrose's father.

Southern Mississippi and Hancock County also hold several other important links to Wisconsin and Whitewater.

Matha Saunders, who became the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's first woman chancellor in August, is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss.

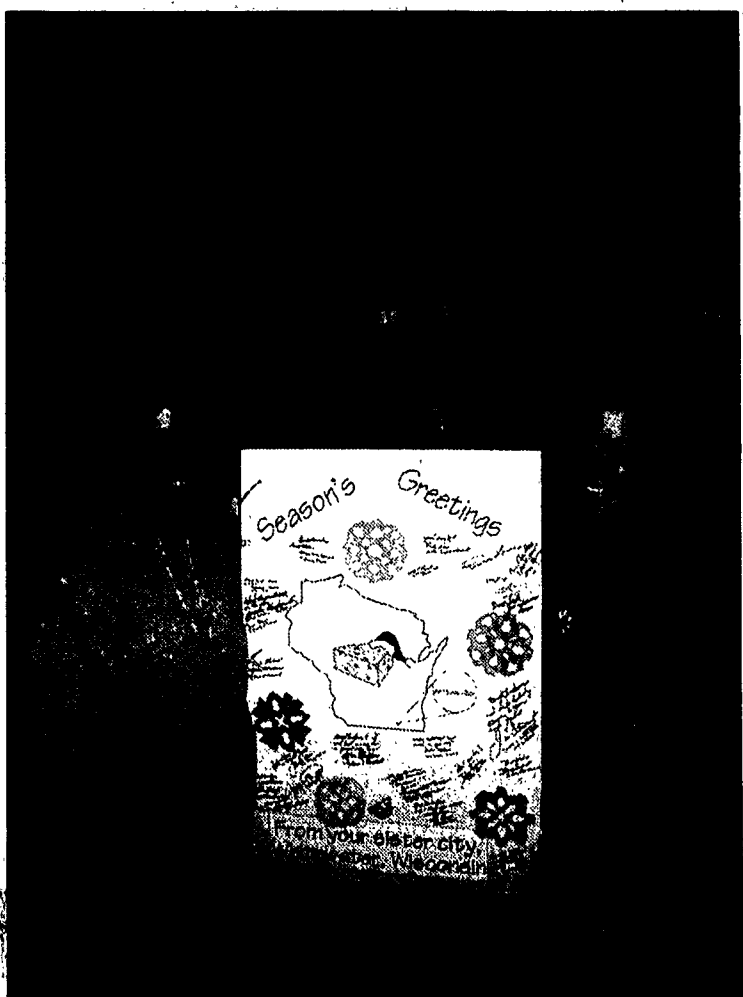
And Green Bay Packers popular quarterback Brett Favre, who makes his home in nearby Kiln, graduated from Hancock High School. He was also the quarterback for the University of Southern Mississippi.

Whitesater Police Sgt. Mike Ciardo, who served two weeks on emergency duty in Bay St. Louis and Waveland after Hurricane Katrina, pledged to return to Wisconsin and enlist help for the area.

Ciardo also returned to the area Jan. 2 with Bob Gabbey, a Whitwater emergency medical technician who served three weeks in Bay St. Louis providing help to Katrina victims.

Others in the Mission Mississippi group include Whitwater City Manager Kevin Brunner and Todd McMillin, governor of the Southeastern Wisconsin Optimist region.

Seventeen students from the Student Optimist Club of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and several university staff employees also will be among the group.



University of Wisconsin Whitewater students (L) Melanie Floyd and Korryn Fenne holding a greeting card from the Whitewater community to Bay St. Louis.

City Manager Kevin Brunner of Whitewater said the city welcomed the chance to adopt Bay St. Louis as a sister city.

Brunner noted that the National League of Cities encouraged U.S. cities not affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita to adopt "sister cities" in the U.S. similar to the international sister city relationships program in foreign countries.

"We've been searching for a city we might be able to help," said Brunner.

"When Ciardo returned to Whitewater and told us of the needs in Bay St. Louis and Waveland and we recognized the connection between Wisconsin and the area, we were eager to help," Brunner said. He added:

"I hope this will be just the first step of many opportunities to help the people of Bay St. Louis and the area. Whitewater should be proud of itself for the help it has offered in such a short period of time. The response has been extraordinary."

Brunner praised both Ciardo and the university students, who held several fund raising events on campus and in the community, to raise about \$35,000 in donations to be distributed to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Ciardo, who is Whitewater's emergency management director, said he was "blown away" by the damage he

saw from Hurricane Katrina.

"I just shook my head. I couldn't identify anything," he recalled of his account of seeing the destruction in the area.

"Sergeant Ciardo and the students have done a fantastic job in rallying students and the community to provide help to the area," said Brunner.

Kim Adams, faculty advisor to the Student Optimist Club at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, noted that students in the past had gone to Jamaica to help with hurricane relief efforts during the winter holiday break. She said she was hopeful that the students would continue to help the area in the future.

"We are hopeful that this will be the beginning of a long-term relationship with our new sister city. The student Optimists have been working hard to begin this relationship with

schools and libraries," said Adams.

The Whitewater group will visit Southern Mississippi University during the trip in an attempt to encourage the creation of a Student Optimist Club at the university.

They also will assist the Gulfport Optimist Club Jan. 7 with various projects.

The Mission Mississippi group will stay at the Morrell Center tent site during their work period.

Beginning next Tuesday the students will work in make-shift schools and at libraries helping with classroom duties and packaging damaged books.

Maggie Winz, a retired school teacher from a Blue Ribbon school in Wisconsin, and her husband, a former principal, will spearhead work in Bay St. Louis schools.

Ciardo, who has become chairman of the Mission Mississippi project, and student representatives from the Student Optimist Club at UW-W, will present a large holiday greeting card to officials in Bay St. Louis and Waveland upon their arrival.

The card features a cube of cheese over an impression of the map of the state of Wisconsin and a star identifying the location of Whitewater in southern Wisconsin on the map.

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Obituaries

CHARLES BENIGNO KENNETH CRAWFORD LOIS FALLO JOHN PERROT JR. ROBERT SHIPLEY LUCILLE WITTER

CHARLES BENIGNO Charles Stephen Benigno, 86 of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Sunday, January 1, 2006 in Gulfport, MS. He was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. He was a true Gulf Coast sportsman that enjoyed fishing. He is preceded in death by his parents, Samuel & Frances Noto Benigno.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elsie Tudury Benigno of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sons, Robert Benigno and Henry Benigno both of Bay St. Louis, MS; a daughter, Charleen Benigno of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sisters, Gloria Landry of Diamondhead, MS, Anna O'Donnell of Chicago, IL. He was also survived by one grandchild and one great grandchild.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The prayer service will be at 11:00 am. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS. In Lieu of flowers the family request donations to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

KENNETH CRAWFORD

Kenneth Allen Crawford, 43 of Bay St. Louis, MS died December 31, 2005 in Slidell, LA. He was born in New Orleans, LA on May 10, 1962 and has lived on the coast for the past 35 years. He was of the Catholic Faith and enjoyed wood working.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Beverly Crawford.

Kenneth is survived by

his wife, Roxane Puche Crawford of Bay St. Louis, MS; son, Kenneth A. Crawford, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 brothers, James E. Crawford, Jr. of Harahan, LA, Charles L. Crawford, Sr. of Bay St. Louis, MS; and a sister, Bernadette Ellspermann of Bay St. Louis, MS; numerous nieces & nephews.

The visitation will be on Thursday, January 5, 2006 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A prayer service will be at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

LOIS FALLO

Lois Emily Buniff Fallo, 94 of Waveland, MS died on Monday, January 2, 2006 in Gulfport, MS. She was born in Morgan City, LA on December 13, 1911 and was a resident of Waveland, MS for many years. She was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, MS and the Eastern Star.

She is preceded in death by her husband Felix T. Fallo; her parents, Sidney F. & Emily Fromethal Buniff; brother, Sidney Buniff; and her 3 sisters, Olinda Riley, Lorena Wolverson, and Mable Wolverson.

She is survived by her children, Eugene Thibodeaux and his wife Pam of Covington, LA, Lois Thibodeaux VanDyke and husband Ralph of Waveland, MS; sister-in-law Mimmie Buniff of Algiers, LA; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

The visitation will be on Saturday, January 7, 2006 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am with an Eastern Star Service at 10:30 am. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The Prayer Service will be at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey

Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

JOHN PERROT JR.

John Louis Perrot, Jr., 49, of Waveland, MS died on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS. He was born in New Orleans, LA on September 11, 1956 and was of the Baptist Faith.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Louis Perrot, Sr.

John is survived by his son, John Louis Perrot, III of Waveland, MS; mother, Patsy Favre Perrot of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sisters, Susan Maone of Chalmette, LA, Sandra Perrot of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 nieces, Brianne Maone of Chalmette, LA, Brooke Perrot of Bay St. Louis, MS, and a nephew, Michael Maone of Chalmette, LA. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be on Sunday, January 1, 2006 from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Prayer Service will be held on Monday, January 2, 2005 at 12:00 Noon at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT SHIPLEY

Robert Henry Shipley, 69 of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Thursday, December 29, 2005 in Gulfport, MS. He was a resident of Hancock County for the past 30 years. He worked for Hancock County and was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church where he enjoyed working as a volunteer. Swampy also loved to dance.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mary Lucille Shipley.

He is survived by his brother, Charles Shipley of Baltimore, MD and sister, Shirley Lehen of Lakeshore, MS.

Visitation will be held

on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor, MS. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 am. Interment will follow in Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

LUCILLE WITTER

Lucille Murphy Witter, 88 of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Sunday, January 1, 2006 in Beaufort, SC. She was the former bookkeeper for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Bay St. Louis, MS; member of American Legion Auxiliary, Waveland, American Association of Retired Persons, Blue Jean Garden Club, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Hancock County. She is preceded in death by her husband, Michael N. Witter, Sr.; parents, Charles B. & Mary Elizabeth Starks

Murphy; 3 brothers, Robert Michael Murphy, Charles Murphy, Samuel Murphy; and a sister, Nancy Murphy. She is survived by her children, JoAnn Lagasse and husband Jay of Bay St. Louis, MS, Michael N. Witter, Jr. and wife Barbara of Slidell, LA, and Elizabeth Cain and husband Kevin of Beaufort, SC; brother, Joseph R. Murphy of Bay St. Louis, MS; three sisters, Doris M. Balias of Gulfport, MS, Margaret M. Ladner of Pearlinton, MS, Sister Claudia Murphy of Madison, MS. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Mickey Lagasse, Julia L. Sellier, Tom Witter, Mark Witter, and Rachel Cain and 2 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2006 from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Prayer Service will be at 1:00 P.M. Interment will follow in Napoleon Cemetery in Napoleon, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of arrangements.

Murder

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a rural area of Pass Christian. Investigation by the Harrison County Sheriff's Department led to the issuance of a warrant on Spires for capital murder.

Spires has lived in Hancock County, and

has been known to work in the Diamondhead area. Anyone who has information on Spires is asked to call 228-865-7060 for Harrison County or 228-467-5101 for Hancock County.

Gulf Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra to host auditions on January 14

The Gulf Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra will be holding auditions for string players, grades 9-12 (violin, viola, cello, and bass) on January 14, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call 435-9800 to schedule an audition time.

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Unemployment rate up for November

The state's unemployment rate of 8.8 percent for November, is up only a tenth of a point from October's revised 8.7 percentage rate, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) announced.

Preliminary data at the time the October unemployment rate was released caused it to appear that the jobless rate had risen to 9.6 percent. However, the numbers for November based on the revised unadjusted data for October show that 11,600 more Mississippians were employed while 600 more Mississippians were unemployed.

The Nation's unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent was up two

tenths of a point from October's 4.6 percent, while the national adjusted unemployment rate of 5.0 percent remained the same.

Sectors reporting job gains included 6,900 jobs in retail trade, 1,900 in other services, while losses of 1,400 were reported in professional & business services. Total non-farm employment was up 11,500.

Fifty-three counties reported unemployment rates equal to or less than Mississippi's 8.8 percent, with Rankin County and Desoto County holding the lowest rate of 4.4 percent, followed by Lafayette County at 4.7 percent.

Nineteen counties posted double-digit

unemployment rates for November, with the highest concentration in Harrison and Hancock Counties reporting rates of 20.2 percent and 20.6 percent.

"Recovery from the devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina, especially in the coastal counties, is progressing slowly and although there have been an increase in non-farm employment, unemployment levels are expected to remain high in the next calendar year," said Wayne Gasson, Chief of Labor Market Information.

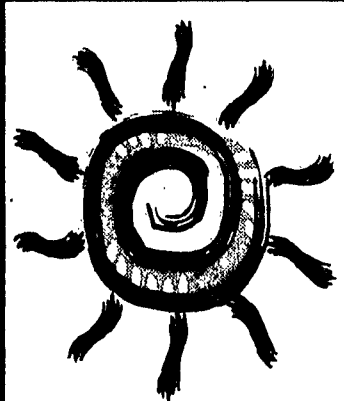
All labor market information can be accessed at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security

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Obituaries

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He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elsie Tudury Benigno of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sons, Robert Benigno and Henry Benigno both of Bay St. Louis, MS; a daughter, Charleen Benigno of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sisters, Gloria Landry of Diamondhead, MS, Anna O'Donnell of Chicago, IL. He was also survived by one grandchild and one great grandchild.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The prayer service will be at 11:00 am. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

KENNETH CRAWFORD

Kenneth Allen Crawford, 43 of Bay St. Louis, MS died December 31, 2005 in Slidell, LA. He was born in New Orleans, LA on May 10, 1962 and has lived on the coast for the past 35 years. He was of the Catholic Faith and enjoyed wood working.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Beverly Crawford.

Kenneth is survived by

his wife, Roxane Pucheu Crawford of Bay St. Louis, MS; son, Kenneth A. Crawford, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 brothers, James E. Crawford, Jr. of Harahan, LA, Charles L. Crawford, Sr. of Bay St. Louis, MS; and a sister, Bernadette Ellspermann of Bay St. Louis, MS; numerous nieces & nephews.

The visitation will be on Thursday, January 5, 2006 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A prayer service will be at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

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LOIS FALLO

Lois Emily Buniff Fallo, 94 of Waveland, MS died on Monday, January 2, 2006 in Gulfport, MS. She was born in Morgan City, LA on December 13, 1911 and was a resident of Waveland, MS for many years. She was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, MS and the Eastern Star.

She is preceded in death by her husband Felix T. Fallo; her parents, Sidney F. & Emily Fromethal Buniff; brother, Sidney Buniff; and her 3 sisters, Olinda Riley, Lorena Wolverson, and Mable Wolverson.

She is survived by her children, Eugene Thibodeaux and his wife Pam of Covington, LA, Lois Thibodeaux VanDyke and husband Ralph of Waveland, MS; sister-in-law Mimmie Buniff of Algiers, LA; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

The visitation will be on Saturday, January 7, 2006 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am with an Eastern Star Service at 10:30 am. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The Prayer Service will be at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS.

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JOHN PERROT JR.

John Louis Perrot, Jr., 49, of Waveland, MS died on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS. He was born in New Orleans, LA on September 11, 1956 and was of the Baptist Faith.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Louis Perrot, Sr.

John is survived by his son, John Louis Perrot, III of Waveland, MS; mother, Patsy Favre Perrot of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sisters, Susan Maone of Chalmette, LA, Sandra Perrot of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 nieces, Brianne Maone of Chalmette, LA, Brooke Perrot of Bay St. Louis, MS, and a nephew, Michael Maone of Chalmette, LA. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be on Sunday, January 1, 2006 from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Prayer Service will be held on Monday, January 2, 2005 at 12:00 Noon at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT SHIPLEY

Robert Henry Shipley, 69 of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Thursday, December 29, 2005 in Gulfport, MS. He was a resident of Hancock County for the past 30 years. He worked for Hancock County and was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church where he enjoyed working as a volunteer. Swampy also loved to dance.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mary Lucille Shipley.

He is survived by his brother, Charles Shipley of Baltimore, MD and sister, Shirley Lehen of Lakeshore, MS.

Visitation will be held

on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor, MS. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 am. Interment will follow in Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

LUCILLE WITTER

Lucille Murphy Witter, 88 of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Sunday, January 1, 2006 in Beaufort, SC. She was the former bookkeeper for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Bay St. Louis, MS; member of American Legion Auxiliary, Waveland, American Association of Retired Persons, Blue Jean Garden Club, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Hancock County. She is preceded in death by her husband, Michael N. Witter, Sr.; parents, Charles B. & Mary Elizabeth Starks Murphy; 3 brothers, Robert Michael Murphy, Charles Murphy, Samuel Murphy; and a sister, Nancy Murphy. She is survived by her children, JoAnn Lagasse and husband Jay of Bay St. Louis, MS, Michael N. Witter, Jr. and wife Barbara of Slidell, LA, and Elizabeth Cain and husband Kevin of Beaufort, SC; brother, Joseph R. Murphy of Bay St. Louis, MS; three sisters, Doris M. Balias of Gulfport, MS, Margaret M. Ladner of Pearlinton, MS, Sister Claudia Murphy of Madison, MS. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Mickey Lagasse, Julia L. Sellier, Tom Witter, Mark Witter, and Rachel Cain and 2 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2006 from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Prayer Service will be at 1:00 P.M. Interment will follow in Napoleon Cemetery in Napoleon, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of arrangements.

Murder

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a rural area of Pass Christian. Investigation by the Harrison County Sheriff's Department led to the issuance of a warrant on Spires for capital murder.

Spires has lived in Hancock County, and

has been known to work in the Diamondhead area. Anyone who has information on Spires is asked to call 228-865-7060 for Harrison County or 228-467-5101 for Hancock County.

Gulf Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra to host auditions on January 14

The Gulf Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra will be holding auditions for string players, grades 9-12 (violin, viola, cello, and bass) on January 14, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call 435-9800 to schedule an audition time.

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Preliminary data at the time the October unemployment rate was released caused it to appear that the jobless rate had risen to 9.6 percent. However, the numbers for November based on the revised unadjusted data for October show that 11,600 more Mississippians were employed while 600 more Mississippians were unemployed.

The Nation's unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent was up two

tenths of a point from October's 4.6 percent, while the national adjusted unemployment rate of 5.0 percent remained the same.

Sectors reporting job gains included 6,900 jobs in retail trade, 1,900 in other services, while losses of 1,400 were reported in professional & business services. Total non-farm employment was up 11,500.

Fifty-three counties reported unemployment rates equal to or less than Mississippi's 8.8 percent, with Rankin County and Desoto County holding the lowest rate of 4.4 percent, followed by Lafayette County at 4.7 percent.

Nineteen counties posted double-digit

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"Recovery from the devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina, especially in the coastal counties, is progressing slowly and although there have been an increase in non-farm employment, unemployment levels are expected to remain high in the next calendar year," said Wayne Gasson, Chief of Labor Market Information.

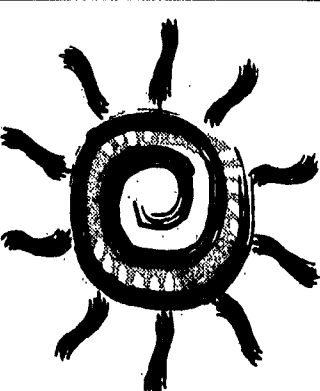
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VS. KENNETH PAGE, DANNY LIZANA AND ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, RESPONDENTS CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. C2301-05-688(3) CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: KENNETH PAGE AND DANNY LIZANA, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office addresses are not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

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You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Human Services, by Zadie Rogers, Social Services Regional Director, and Brooklyn Jade Peterson, a minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Hancock County Department of Human Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2006, IN THE HARRISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURTROOM, 1801 23RD AVENUE, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, BEFORE JUDGE SANFORD STECKLER, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND-ED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

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3-WHEEL BROOM BEACH CLEANER - VIBRATORY ASPHALT ROLLER - HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR - ARTICULATED WHEEL LOADER - ALL-WHEEL DRIVE BACKHOE/LOADER - MOTOR GRADER - ALL-WHEEL DRIVE MOTOR GRADER - EXCAVATOR O TAIL SWING - TANDEM AXEL DUMP TRUCK WITH BODY - ROAD REPAIR MACHINE FOR THE HANCOCK COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

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Mississippi's Annual Affordable Housing Conference Creates Economic Impact for Mississippi

More than 375 people are expected to attend Mississippi's Annual Affordable Housing Conference, generating approximately \$75,000 in revenue for the state.

Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC), the state's housing finance authority, will host Mississippi's Annual Affordable Housing Conference, January 11-13, 2006 at the Grand Casino Resort.

According to Kim Thomas, Director of Sales with the Grand Casino Resort, MHC's annual three-day event is anticipated to generate a substantial amount of revenue for the state, which includes attendees' lodging and meals. "Additional revenues may be generated by the added amenities that the Grand Resort offers, such as the Cottonwoods Golf Course, the Willows Sporting Clays facility, and the Bellissimo Spa," noted Thomas.

"In addition to a power-packed conference agenda, we try to further entice conference attendance by hosting the annual event in different areas of the state," said Jenny Layton, Vice President of Marketing at MHC. "Mississippi's gaming areas are tourist attractions within itself," Layton added.

"This year's confer-

ence theme, "Homecoming '06," will allow those in the housing industry an opportunity to learn new and innovative housing-related skills that will be necessary to assist with the rebuilding of neighborhoods and communities throughout the state," said Dianne Bolen, MHC's Executive Director, as she reflects on the recent destruction of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The conference will also allow an opportunity for attendees to identify emerging needs and possible new initiatives to establish new goals in providing affordable housing in Mississippi.

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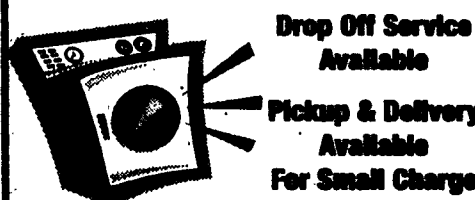
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Concert to raise funds for Katrina victims

The rescheduled Florida Keys for Katrina Relief benefit concert is on course for a Saturday, Jan. 8, performance at Founders Park, mile marker (MM) 87 bayside in Islamorada.

The concert was postponed from its original Oct. 23 date by the approach of Hurricane Wilma, which passed over South Florida and the Keys Oct. 24.

The event was conceived by a coalition of Keys businesses and civic organizations to raise funds to help

Islamorada's sister city, Ocean Springs, Miss., that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. It is also beginning at noon,

the concert is to feature blues legend Bo Diddley, whose family in Mississippi was impacted by Katrina, along with sax master and "honorary local" Clarence Clemons of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band. Also signed

are the Soul Providers, led by E. Jaye Brown, former lead singer with Sly and the Family Stone. Keys hotels are providing complimentary

lodging for many artists.

For event information, call (305) 664-2321 or visit www.info.floridakeysforkatrinarelief.com.

To find out about area accommodations, call the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce at (800) 322-5397 or (305) 664-4503; the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce at (800) 822-1088 or (305) 451-4747; or visit the Florida Keys & Key West Web site at www.flakeys.com.



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